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Shanghai.—Per Egeria, to-day, the 15th at 8.30 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy, and Foochow.—Per Egeria, the 15th inst. at Noon.
Hong Kong, Amoy, and Calcutta.—Per Egeria, to-morrow, the 16th inst. at 1.30 P.M.
Singapore, Queensland, Sydney, Tasman, and Melbourne.—Per Singapore, to-morrow, the 16th inst. at 3.30 P.M.
Shanghai.—Per Ningpo, to-day, the 15th at 4.30 P.M.
Singapore.—To-day, the 15th inst. at Singapore, Suez, and London.—Per Singapore, on Tuesday, the 15th inst. at 4.30 P.M.

MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET
English Contract Packet **MONGOLIA** despatched with the Mails for Europe, on SATURDAY, the 15th July.
The following will be the hours of closing the Mails:
Friday, 14th inst.
6 P.M., Money Order Office closes.
6 P.M., Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.
Friday, 15th inst.
7 P.M., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.
10 A.M., Post Office closes except for Late Letters, and for "Letters en course."
1.15 A.M., Letters may be posted on payment of a LATE FEE of 18 cents extra.
Postage, null.
11 A.M., when the Post Office CLOSURES entirely.
3.30 A.M., letters (but Letters only) addressed to the United Kingdom via Britain, or to Singapore, may be posted on board the Packet, on payment of a LATE FEE of 48 cents extra postage.
4.50 A.M., Posting on Board ceases.

ALFRED LISTER,
Postmaster-General.

General Post-Office,
Hongkong, 4th July, 1876.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES' PACKET
The United States' Packet **GEAT** will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 15th inst. with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, and the United States, and will be CLOSD as follows:—
5 P.M., Registry of Letters, and Letters en course, close.
5.30 P.M., Post Office closes.
5.30 P.M., Correspondence may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 12 cents extra for postage.
5.30 P.M., when the Mail is finally closed.
Correspondence must be specially directed for its route, and if not fully prepaid will be sent British Packet.
Letters, 20c, can be posted for Canada, the United States, and other places named below, if not fully prepaid. American stamps are added to propay for postage to San Francisco to destination.
American Stamps are sold at the Office.
The charge for Registry is 10 cents in Hong Kong, and 10 cents in U.S. Stamps to other places only the mutes of which are printed in Italics. To all the other places named above, correspondence cannot be Registered through the Office, but may be sent by the American Mail, only to San Francisco for correspondence; thus sent:—

| | Stamps. | Stamps. |
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| | | Cents. |
| Canada, British Columbia, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward's Island, Vancouver's Island, Halifax, Nassau, New Brunswick | 8 | 3 |
| Principal, Bermuda, Bogota, Cartagena, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cienfuegos, Fiji, Greenland, Jamaica, New Granada, Nicaragua, Panama, West Indies | 8 | 5 |
| Hawaii, New Mexico, | 8 | 6 |
| Manila, Montreal, | 8 | 10 |
| Matanzas, Mexico, | 8 | 10 |
| Salvador, | 8 | 10 |
| Valparaiso, Grenada, Guiana, Honduras, Martinique, Santa Marta, Turk's Island | 8 | 13 |
| Pratt, | 8 | 15 |
| San Francisco, | 8 | 17 |
| Chili, Peru, | 8 | 18 |
| Argentine Confederation, Buenos Ayres, Paraguay, Uruguay | 8 | 23 |
| Newspapers (not over 40¢) | 2 | 4 |
| Boots, do. per doz. | 2 | 10 |

arrangements having been made under
 which Messrs. For London arriving at Szao from
 China by Private Ships will be forwarded
 destination via Brindisi; it is hereby notified
 that the rates of postage, which must be paid
 in advance, on correspondence addressed to the
 United Kingdom so forwarded, will be as follows:
 For Letters..... 24 cents per half ounce
 For Newspapers..... 12 " each.
 For Books and..... not exceeding 1 ounce 6 "
 Paterns..... " 2 " 6 "
 every additional 4 " 12 "

His Excellency Governor Sir ARTHUR
 HENRY KENNEDY, K.O.M.G., C.B., is pleased

LETTERS

France and Algeria vide Brindisi, 12 per cent
Brazil, Recife, do
By FRANCE PACIFIC
Continent of Europe (France excepted) 18 per cent
Ports of China and Japan (Co or S.S.) 8 per cent
Aden, Oeylen, India, Pondicherry, Saigon 12 per cent
Spain and Portugal, via Brindisi, 10 per cent
Suez Canal, Red Sea, Aden, Bombay, Calcutta, in the Table of Rates dated the 1st instant, must be regarded as superseding that Table so far as they apply.

CHARTERS EFFECTED.

The following Settlements are taken from Messrs. HEINEMANN & Co.'s Freight Circular:

British ship *Helen*, 435 tons, Wampoos London, private terms.
British ship *Aria*, 624 tons, Swatow New York, \$12 gold per ton of 20 wts.
German bark *Messia*, 711, 415 tons, Swatow New York, \$12 gold per ton of 20 wts.
German bark *Schiff*, 490 tons, Foochow Melbourne, private terms.
British bark *E. M. Young*, 840 tons, Foochow to Melbourne, £2 5s, per ton of 20 Seals.

pond, 80 day lays.
 German bird *Reck*, 216 tons, Talao to Yokohama, 50 days; 200 tons, pond, 50 day lays.
 German bird *Reck*, 386 tons, Nagasaki to Hongkong, 50 day's per ton, 50 day's.
 British steamer *Orion*, 1139 tons, to Saigon private terms, and Saigon to Hongkong 11 cents per ton.
 British steamer *Orion*, 781 tons, Swatow to Hongkong, private terms.
 Norwegian bird *Zeus*, 290 tons, Waampa to Tientsin and back to Hongkong 44¢ net.
 German *Zeus*, 38 cents per ton, 36 day's.
 German *Zeus*, 387 tons, to Whampoa to Monte Video and Buenos Ayres, private terms.
 British bird *Reck*, 280 tons, hence to London, 43 1/2¢ per ton, 20 day's.
 British bird *Reck*, 280 tons, to Fookoh private terms.
 British shipowner *Chatterbox*, 257 tons, Fookoh to Sydney and Melbourne, private terms.

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